(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme for the upliftment of backward communities in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided by the Union Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) There is no list of backward classes/communities in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Production of Groundnut in Gujarat

1476. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Plays a significant role in the production of groundnut in the country;

(b) if so, the annual contribution by Gujarat in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to further increase the production of groundnut in Gujarat?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Gujarat State contributed 13.8 per cent to the total groundnut production in the country during 1990-91.

(c) Gujarat State is covered by the Centrally sponsored Oilseeds production programme which contains incentives for inputs such as production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium, gypsum and pyrites. In addition, demonstrations are laid out by the extension workers and scientists to propagate improved technology among farmers.

Employment to Displaced Persons

1477. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has been acquired by the ONGC in Nhava Sheva and by IPCL in Nagothane for the use of these organisations;

(b) if so, the number of families affected due to it;

(c) whether any preference is being given in employment to the oustees by these organisations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). ONGC has given employment to 27 persons from the affected families and IPCL to 594 persons.

(e) Does not arise.

Delicensing of Dairy Industry

1478. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Operation Flood (OPF) III is